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PEARY ALSO  
HAS FOUND  
POLENORTHERNMOST POINT IN THE  
WORLD HAS BEEN DISCOVER-  
ED TWICE

## DR. COOK GLAD OF IT

HE BEAT PEARY ALMOST A YEAR  
ACCORDING TO NEWS SO  
FAR RECEIVED

## BOTH NOW ON WAY HOME

ALL NATIONS AWAITING DETAILS  
OF SUCCESSFUL ARCTIC EXPE-  
DITIONS

The announcement that Com-  
mander R. E. Peary has discov-  
ered the north pole, rivets the  
attention of the civilized world  
on America. Whatever question  
of priority may exist between  
the claims of Peary and Cook,  
there can be no doubt but that  
to the United States belongs un-  
questionably the credit of lasting  
renown for discovering the pole.  
The coincidence of the two  
American announcements, com-  
ing within five days, after cen-  
turies of fruitless endeavor,  
makes it one of the most re-  
markable in history. The ques-  
tion of priority in reaching the  
pole now absorbs all attention.  
That Peary will claim that he  
was the first discoverer appears  
to be practically assured from  
the following:

"First formal announcement  
has been telegraphed from In-  
dian Harbor, Labrador, to all  
principal American and foreign  
geographical societies of all na-  
tions, including Brazil and  
Japan, specifically announcing  
that the north pole was discov-  
ered in April by the Peary Arc-  
tic club expedition under com-  
mand of Commander Peary."

The second London dispatch  
received from St. John's New-  
foundland, states that Com-  
mander Peary reports he is the  
first man to reach the pole.  
Aside from the question of prior-  
ity Peary's announcement of  
reaching the pole appears to be  
accepted throughout the United  
States and the world at large,  
by scientists, as well as the gen-  
eral public, and there is an ab-  
sence of the doubt and skep-  
ticism which greeted the Cook  
announcement. There is, how-  
ever, apparent reserve of judg-  
ment on the question of prior-  
ity between the two explorers.

Dr. Cook in an interview at  
Copenhagen today says: "I am  
the first man to shout hurrah  
for Peary, and if he has tele-  
graphed the announcement that  
he reached the pole then it is  
true and I congratulate him."  
Dr. Cook also states he does not  
want any controversy. No further  
word direct from Peary has  
been received today, nor can  
there be any further word from  
him until he reaches Chateau  
Bay, Labrador, tonight. The  
world continues to be stirred  
with excitement and admiration  
for the achievements of the two  
explorers.

## News In Detail

New York, Sept. 7.—Commander  
Robert E. Peary has reached the north  
pole. It has been doubly discovered.  
From the bleak coast of Labrador,  
Commander Peary yesterday flashed  
the news that he had attained his goal  
in the far north, while at the same  
moment, in Denmark, Dr. Frederick  
A. Cook was being dined and lionized  
by royalty for the same achievement.  
Yankee grit has conquered the  
frozen north and there has been cre-  
ated a coincidence such as the world  
will never see again. Two Americans

have planted the flag of their country  
in the land of ice, which man has  
sought to penetrate for four centuries,  
and each ignorant of the other's con-  
quest, has sent within a period of  
five days, a laconic message of suc-  
cess.

Here are the various messages re-  
ceived announcing Peary's victory:  
"Indian Harbor, via Cape Race, Sept.  
6, 1909.

"The Associated Press, New York:  
"Stars and stripes nailed to north  
pole.

(Signed) "PEARY."  
"Indian Harbor, via Cape Race, N. F.,  
Sept. 6, 1909.

"Herbert L. Bridgman, Brooklyn,  
N. Y.  
"Pole reached, Roosevelt safe.

(Signed) "PEARY."  
"Indian Harbor, via Cape Race, Sept.  
6, 1909.

"The New York Times, New York:  
"I have the pole, April 6. Expect to  
arrive Chateau Bay, Sept. 7. Se-  
cure control wire for me there and  
arrange to expedite transmission of  
big story.

(Signed) "PEARY."  
World is Waiting

While Peary is on board the Roose-  
velt on his way from Indian Harbor,  
Labrador, to Chateau Bay, in the  
straits of Belle Island, the world  
awaits anxiously the details of his  
successful trip to the pole, of which  
he has given information only in brief  
but stirring messages from Indian  
Harbor. Chateau Bay is the nearest  
point to Indian Harbor where Com-  
mander Peary can reach a telegraph  
line by which he can tell the world  
the story of his dash to the pole. The  
Roosevelt was due in Chateau Bay to-  
day, barring accidents, and when  
Peary reaches there he probably will  
send confirmation of his first mes-  
sages giving the results of his trip,  
telling for the first time how he  
achieved the goal which has been his  
ambition for so many years. Indian  
Harbor is connected with the rest of  
the world only by wireless telegraph.

**Official Announcement**  
Washington, Sept. 7.—Through  
Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of  
the Peary Arctic club, formal notifica-  
tion of Commander Peary's achieve-  
ment in reaching the north pole was  
made known to the government today.  
Bridgman sent a dispatch to the sec-  
retary of the navy, in which he says  
Commander Peary telegraphed from  
Indian harbor, Labrador, as follows:  
"North pole reached April 6 by Peary  
Arctic club expedition under my com-  
mand."

TORRENTIAL RAINS PLAY  
HAVOC IN SOUTHWEST

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 7.—The heav-  
iest rainfall in twelve hours ever  
recorded here, occurred last night and  
this morning, the total precipitation  
being a fraction more than eight  
inches. Many streets are impassable,  
and street car traffic is tied up. Resi-  
dents waded to their places of busi-  
ness through water varying from  
three inches to a foot in depth.

**Big Rain in Colorado.**  
Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 7.—  
All records for precipitation in the  
Pike's Peak region were broken in a  
storm Saturday. The precipitation  
reached 3.02 inches the first twenty-  
four hours. It has rained since in-  
termittently until the precipitation  
has reached a total today of 2.60  
inches.

SENSATIONAL CONSPIRACY  
CASES ARE COMPROMISED

(Special Dispatch.)  
Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 7.—In the  
U. S. court here today upon motion of  
U. S. Attorney D. J. Leahy of Las  
Vegas, the perjury and conspiracy  
cases arising out of coal entries made  
in San Juan county, pending against  
the Ural Fuel company, Joseph E.  
Dale, Robert Forrester and others,  
were dismissed and judgment entered  
by stipulation in which the defendants  
surrender their patents to all coal  
land involved to the United States.

H. W. GARBISON FINED \$50  
FOR ASSAULTING J. A. BAKER

H. W. Garbison, mining man in the  
vicinity of Hermit's Peak, where he  
is the owner of Hermit's Lodge, a  
pretty mountain home, was fined \$50  
and costs in police court today, hav-  
ing been found guilty of assaulting J.  
A. Baker. The court suspended the  
fine pending good behavior. Garbi-  
son was arrested on complaint of  
Baker. It is said the difference  
which led to the physical encounter  
has been pending for some time be-  
tween the two men.

HARRIMAN DELIGHTFUL  
SUFFERS A  
RELAPSE  
MUSICAL  
GIVENTHE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN PRO-  
NOUNCES IT AN ATTACK OF  
ACUTE INDIGESTION

## OPERATION IS POSSIBLE FINE DISPLAY OF TALENT

ALARMING NEWS FROM ARDEN  
CAUSES BAD BREAKS IN  
STOCKS

## DECLINES ARE VIOLENT

RAILROADS DOMINATED BY SICK  
MAGNATE FIGURE HEAVILY  
IN THE TRADING

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Alarming re-  
ports, regarding the condition of E.  
H. Harriman, have been revived fol-  
lowing his relapse Sunday night. It  
is believed the attack was a tempo-  
rary sickness caused by a sudden  
change in temperature as a result of  
discretion in his diet, which the  
sick man in his weakened condition,  
was unable to throw off. Dr. Lyle,  
Harriman's private physician, calls  
the attack "acute indigestion." Last  
night it was said the patient was bet-  
ter. It was said today although the  
dangerous progress of Harriman's lat-  
est attack had been arrested, his tem-  
perature remained high and he was ex-  
ceedingly weak. The best informa-  
tion is that he is in bed, and although  
confirmation of the report as yet has  
not been obtained from the house little  
doubt exists here that there are other  
physicians attending him besides Dr.  
Lyle. The talk of an operation has  
been revived.

**Break in Stocks**  
New York, Sept. 7.—Reports of  
Harriman's relapse caused a great  
unsettlement in the opening of the  
stock market, which centered in  
stocks most closely connected with  
his name. Sales were not notably  
heavy but the fall in prices was vio-  
lent. The first quotation of Union  
Pacific was 6,000 shares at 197 1/4  
and 198 1/8, compared with 202 3/4  
Friday night. Southern Pacific ran  
off 3 3/4 on sales in small amounts  
and New York Central lost 3 1/8. In  
Reading stock liquidation was also  
heavy and there were declines of  
2 3/8. In other active stocks there  
were many declines, running from 1  
to 1 3/4. Bonds were also irregular.

BOLD RUSTLERS DRIVE OFF HORSES  
OF INDIANS; REDSKINS IN PURSUIT

(Special Dispatch.)  
Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 7.—One of  
the boldest pieces of work on the  
part of rustlers enacted since the  
early days in New Mexico, oc-  
curred last night at the Santo Domingo  
pueblo, where a band of bold rust-  
lers, well mounted, swooped down on  
the pueblo while the Indians were  
peacefully sleeping and drove off all  
their horses, over one hundred head.

POSTMASTER AT TAOS CHARGED  
WITH EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$5,000

(Special Dispatch.)  
Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 7.—Postmas-  
ter Adolfo Espinosa, of Rancho de  
Taos, Taos county, was held to await  
the action of the U. S. grand jury  
here today on the charge of embez-  
zling postoffice funds to the amount  
of upwards of \$5,000.  
Espinosa, who was arrested a few  
days ago on complaint of U. S. Post-  
office Inspector H. C. Haynes, of Den-

ver, and brought to this city for exam-  
ination, told the inspector that the  
postoffice had been robbed the night  
before Haynes arrived at Taos and  
began an investigation which resulted  
in Espinosa's arrest.

The irregularities in the Taos post-  
office are said to date from last Nov-  
ember. Espinosa's arrest has caused  
a sensation in the community where  
he lives, he being prominently con-  
nected in Taos county.

tion Miss Reynolds shows large im-  
provement over last year. The finish-  
ed technic can be justly credited to  
the polished French school, while in  
great measure her breadth of inter-  
pretation is due to the great operatic  
artist and scholar, Jean DeReszke,  
whose cultured tenor voice has en-  
tranced the music lovers of the cap-  
itals of both Europe and America. Miss  
Reynolds will return soon to Paris to  
resume her studies in grand opera un-  
der the great authority on interpreta-  
tion and her many friends predict  
great success is in store for her. Mrs.  
Charles H. Kohn gave Miss Reynolds  
very effective accompaniment on the  
piano.

**Other Pleasing Numbers**  
George Smith scored a success with  
Dudley Buck's well known "Sunset,"  
and gave for encore the ever popular  
"The Night Has a Thousand Eyes,"  
by Hawley.

In "The Indifferent Mariner," Rev.  
Meade E. Dutt made a pronounced  
hit and in response to repeated ap-  
plause rendered DeKoven's "Armorer"  
song. Mrs. Dutt accompanied Mr.  
Dutt most sympathetically on the  
piano.

Little Elizabeth Coors, en costume,  
(accompanied on the piano by Miss  
Coors), captured the assemblage with  
her action song, "The Chinese Um-  
brella," by Lewis, and in response to  
a hearty encore she repeated the  
waltz movement.

Miss Irene Archibald in a "Song  
Without Words," by Dubez gave a  
very creditable performance on the  
harp, although somewhat handicapped  
by the fact that her instrument  
was not in the best of condition ow-  
ing to unfavorable atmospheric con-  
ditions. For an encore she gave  
Lang's "Flower Song," which was es-  
pecially beautiful. Miss Archibald is  
one of the most accomplished musi-  
cians of Las Vegas and she will be  
heard again with interest.

Everyone of the other numbers on  
the program were as delightfully ren-  
dered as those already mentioned, lack-  
ing space forbidding an extended notice  
to each. These included selections  
by Misses Opal Cole, Clara Robbins,  
Armoria Summerlin, Aileen Rosen-  
thal, Ruth Schlott, Florence Scott,  
Edith Kinsley, Mollie York and Em-  
ma Tamme, and also a piece by Leon  
Bowen.

The recital revealed the fact that  
Las Vegas has perhaps the best and  
most varied musical talent in the ter-  
ritory.

**MRS. C. C. GISE TO WED  
PROMINENT OMAHA MAN**  
Mrs. C. Gise and her son, Robert  
accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. H.  
Pierce, their son, Frederick and D. T.  
Hoskins, left on No. 10 today for Trin-  
dado, Colo., where on Wednesday Mrs.  
Gise will be married to O. B. Wil-  
liams, a prominent business man of  
Omaha, Neb. After the wedding Mr.  
and Mrs. Williams will go to Omaha  
where they will make their future  
home.

Mrs. Gise is of course well known  
to all the people of Las Vegas, hav-  
ing been a resident of this city for  
more than twenty-five years. She is  
a woman of culture and refinement  
and numbers among her most inti-  
mate friends the best people of Las  
Vegas. All join in wishing her much  
happiness.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET  
SHOWS SOME ACTIVITY

Boston, Sept. 7.—While large man-  
ufacturers have not been operating  
during the last week, the smaller  
mills have taken sufficient quantities  
of wool to provide a fair amount of  
activity in the local market. The  
tone is firm. First class staple ter-  
ritory wools on a cleaned basis bring  
80 cents and washed Delaine 40  
cents in grease. Wyoming clips are  
moving satisfactorily, the price being  
twenty-six to twenty-nine cents in  
grease.

**BURLINGTON TRAIN RUNS  
INTO WASHOUT IN MISSOURI**  
St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 7.—The Bur-  
lington's St. Paul express, south-  
bound, ran into a washout four miles  
south of here early today. Seven  
coaches were derailed and five rolled  
into a ravine. One man was injured.

GREAT DAMS  
ARE SWEEP  
AWAYTHOSE AT BLUEWATER AND  
BLACK ROCK DESTROYED  
BY BIG FLOOD

## ENORMOUS DAMAGE RESULTS

NO LIVES REPORTED LOST BUT  
ZUNI INDIAN VILLAGE IS  
WIPED OFF THE MAP

## OVER THOUSAND HOMELESS

MIGHTY WAVE WASHES OUT MILE  
OR MORE OF SANTA FE,  
TRACK

Gallup, N. M., Sept. 7.—The Blue-  
water dam, one of the largest and  
most costly dams in the United States  
located in the Zuni mountains ten  
miles west of Bluewater, gave way  
shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday  
morning, releasing millions of gallons  
of water which rushed down the can-  
yon to the Bluewater valley, carrying  
away houses, destroying crops, drown-  
ing cattle and other animals, and  
washing away over a mile of Santa  
Fe track between Bluewater and Tol-  
tec. Almost simultaneously with the  
bursting of the Bluewater dam, the  
Zuni dam at Blackrock, only recently  
completed by the government at a  
cost of many thousands of dollars, be-  
came undermined, and the immense  
volume of water which had been  
stored in the reservoir pressed against  
the retaining wall with such great  
pressure that it gave way, practically  
wiping out of existence the Zuni In-  
dian village inhabited by 1,500 people.  
According to the somewhat meager  
reports received in Gallup regarding  
both of the dam disasters, there were  
no lives lost, although it will not be  
known definitely for several days  
whether any deaths were caused by  
the floods, as great excitement pre-  
vails both at Bluewater and Zuni.  
But for the fact that both villages  
have telephone connection with the  
dam sites, there would have been tre-  
mendous loss of life. Cloudbursts,  
coupled with heavy rains, were res-  
ponsible for the bursting of both  
dams. At this time no accurate esti-  
mate can be made of the damage  
caused by the catastrophes. The de-  
struction of the dams alone, however,  
will amount to thousands upon thou-  
sands of dollars.

**Both Dams New**  
The Bluewater dam was construct-  
ed by private capital, while the Zuni  
dam was built under the direction of  
the reclamation service with money  
appropriated by the government. The  
Bluewater Development company,  
composed of Kansas City and Chicago  
capitalists built the Bluewater dam,  
which had a capacity for storing wa-  
ter for irrigating nearly 50,000 acres  
of fertile farming land lying between  
Baca and Grants on the main line of  
the Santa Fe railroad. The dam site  
was declared by experts to be the  
most natural in the world. The reser-  
voir back of the dam covers an  
area of twenty-five square miles and  
millions of gallons of water were  
stored in it when it gave way.

For days it had been raining in the  
mountains and as a matter of precau-  
tion by those in charge of the dam, the  
spillway was opened to relieve the  
pressure. This would have coped with  
the situation but for the fact that a  
heavy cloudburst occurred some time  
after midnight Sunday, causing the  
water to rush against the dam with  
great force. A small opening was  
made in the top of the dam and al-  
though great efforts were made to  
stop the leak, it gradually grew larger,  
until an immense volume of water  
was passing through the dam and  
swirling madly down the rocky can-  
yon towards the little village of Blue-  
water. The farmers in the valley had

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